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AN OPTICAL INTERLINK BETWEEN AN OPTICAL TRANSDUCER

AND OPTICAL DATA PORT

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed on September 25, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 20, 28, 34, and 35 as follows:

Claims 1-19 Cancelled.

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20. (Amended) A light pipe assembly adapted to optically exchange information between an optical transducer adapted to transmit and receive information optically and an optical data port, the light pipe assembly comprising:

a transmit light pipe adapted to optically transmit information optically transmitted by the optical transducer from the optical transducer to the optical data port; and

a receive light pipe adapted to optically receive information via the optical data port and optically transmit the received information to the optical transducer.

- 21. The light pipe assembly of claim 20, wherein a first end of the transmit light pipe is adapted to be optically coupled to the optical transducer and a second end of the transmit light pipe is adapted to provide a portion of the optical data port.
- 22. The light pipe assembly of claim 21, further comprising: